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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

We chose a competitive provider (sonic.net) because we want to support competition in the industry and prefer the services Sonic provides over the limited number of monopoly providers available in the area. The near monopoly providers are increasing rates, providing restrictive service, trying to force us into plans that include multiple services and other practices that we are happy to avoid. We really like having the choice and not being stuck with Comcast, AT&T or satellite internet.

We also think that the sharing of infrastructure is good business and good for our communities. Now we are seeing multiple fiber optics lines hanging from our poles in an unsightly way. The phone system worked for decades with shared infrastructure.

Broadband is critical to us for our business, community nonprofit work and for our kids in school.

Please do not bow to the internet monopolies pleas to remove the necessary competition that safeguards our community and makes possible competitive pricing and service.

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